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TAGS: CDES, NL (CORTEZ, JUAN ANTHONY)

SUBJ: DEATH OF CORTEZ

REF: STATE 074952

1. IN RESPONSE TO LETTER FROM MRS. CORTEZ REQUESTING AVAILABLE INFORMATION AND NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PEOPLE MOST RECENTLY WITH SON, CONSULAR OFFICER WROTE MRS. CORTEZ ON APRIL 9 GIVING NAME OF AMERICAN STUDENT, GREG SPIELER, 84 SPRINGWEG, UTRECHT, WHO HAD BE FRIENDED CORTEZ. AT SAME TIME CONSULAR OFFICER WROTE SPIELER REQUESTING NAME AND ADDRESS OF CORTEZ' FIANCE, BELIEVED TO BE IN SCOTLAND, BUT SPIELER HAS NOT YET REPLIED.

2. OVER EASTER WEEKEND CONSULAR OFFICER TALKED WITH NUMBER OF MEDICAL CORPSMEN WHO HAD HAD PASSING ACQUAINTANCE WITH CORTEZ AT SOESTERBERG AFB, WHERE CORTEZ DETAILED ON TDY FROM USAF HOSPITAL IN WIESBADEN PRIOR TO DISCHARGE AND WHERE CORTEZ WORKED IN NCO CLUB AFTER DISCHARGE. ALTHOUGH WITNESSES RECOGNIZED PHOTOGRAPH OF BODY AS THAT OF CORTEZ AND SOME HAD HEARD REPORTS OF RECENT ERRATIONAL BEHAVIOR, NONE FAMILIAR WITH ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO DEATH.

3. OVER WEEKEND DE BILT POLICE RECOVERED WATERLOGGED PASSPORT AND BIBLE FOUND IN DITCH NEAR SCENE OF ACCIDENT. CONSULATE GENERAL WILL PICK UP AND HOLD WITH OTHER EFFECTS PENDING DECISION ON DISPOSITION BY NOK. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTTEL, POLICE REPORT AND GRAVESIDE PHOTOGRAPHS BEING MAILED TO RED CROSS WORKER FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.

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